

CLAIMS

1. Use of the alkaloid K252 and its analogues or derivatives to prepare topical drugs for the treatment of disorders characterised by 5 hyperproliferation of keratinocytes.
2. Use as claimed in claim 1, wherein the disorders are psoriasis and skin tumours.
3. Use as claimed in claim 1 or 2 to prepare a medicament for use in combination with PUVA treatment or photodynamic treatment.
- 10 4. Topical pharmaceutical compositions containing an alkaloid K252 or an analogue or derivative thereof as active ingredient, in admixture with suitable vehicles and excipients.
5. Compositions as claimed in claim 4 in the form of ointments, gels, lotions, powders and medicated plasters.